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#### Britain's HEART WARMINGEST letters page

### Our two holidays for prize letter the price of none!

Discussing holidays, a neighbour commented that planning it was half the fun. So this year my wife and I stayed at home and planned two holidays. having just as much fun as last year, but saving a considerable amount of money. P. Rolaston

Redhill, Surrey During the recent general election a great deal of fuss was made about what the Poles had to say. It seems particularly ludicrous when the only Polish person who speaks English seems to be

the Pope, and he isn't allowed

to vote anyway.

R. Orr-Ewing Ormskirk

#### Fridge fraud

What a con these refrigerator lights are. I recently bought a fridge which the salesman assured me had a light inside. How cheated I felt when I discovered that the light goes out as soon as you've shut the

P. Fox Manchester



"What a con" I thought after cracking six eggs which I had bought at the local supermarket. All of them were empty.

All was explained by the manager when I took them back the next day and complained. I had walked into the sports shop next door by mistake and bought half a dozen ping pong balls. Mrs F. Twatt



Funny how passengers are expected to pay for their journeys on public transport and yet drivers always travel for free. I'm sure that if 'train drivers' had to pay the same price for a ticket that we do. they'd make damn sure the train arrived on time.

Essex

Talk about the power of television! While vacuuming the carpet the other day my wife accidentally severed a cable connecting our TV set to the mains - and she was killed instantly.

Mr C. Deeley Birmingham

#### Match madness

It's no wonder these match manufactures make such fat profits. I find that I only ever use half a match before blowing it out. For a moderate smoker like myself on 80 cigarettes a day, this works out at a loss of almost 25p a week on unused matches - that's a staggering £10 a year. It's almost enough to make you give up smoking. A. Sinclair

Bristol

#### Butter barmy!

Worried about the EEC butter mountain, my 8 year old son devized his own way of helping out - he eats 15 pounds of butter a day. The cost of the butter is nothing compared to the amount of money I have saved - using his empty butter wrappers as notepaper, ideal for shopping lists etc. Mrs Tipple

#### Crisp criticism

I bought a packet of these 'potato crisps' for 17p. It weighed exactly one-and-ahalf ounces. Later, when I filled the same packet with uncut potatoes it weighed over 3 pounds.

No wonder the crisp companies are so keen to slice their potatoes before selling them. And of course it's us, the customers, who lose out.

Mrs G Ivv Wessex

Plymouth

Several dry tea bags, if swallowed, could easliv cause a young child to choke. Would it not be wise for the manufacturers to print some kind of warning on the packet, and for supermarkets to stack tea bags on higher shelves, out of the reach of kiddies.

A. Williams Airdale

D. JONES

Continued only R >>>>

Mr T. Hodgson

"one pound coins". A young nephew of mine collects them. He gives me 10p for every one I add to his collection! Last week alone I earned 80p in this way, on top of my regular pension.

I wonder if any other readers

realise the value of these new

Mrs D. O'Rourke Belfast

I'VE GOT A JOB AS A TRAVELLING COMPUTER SALESMAN THIS WEEK READERS. 1 TTLE!

ROGER IRRELEVANT

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NEXT ISSUE: FUCK SHIT WANKER.

I get hopping mad when, during a visit to the cinema, almost all the audience get to their feet just before the end of the film and make a mad rush for the exit

Now, if everyone did as I do and remained seated until everyone else had gone, there wouldn't be a mad rush.

J.A. Windridge Stoke-on-Trent

#### Who's right?

Could you please settle a long running argument between me and my friends. I say that the correct pronunciation of your over developed cartoon character is Buster Gonad. But my friends insist that it is Buster Gonad. Which (if any!) of us is correct?

A. Bird Sheffied \*Dennis Law played for BOTH Manchester United and City,

so vou can call a truce folks vou're both right! If Samantha Fox could sing half as well as she can grow

tits she'd be number one in the charts all year round. M. Henderson Whitley Bay

Studying an old Ordanance Survey map of Teesdale recently I was surprised to find places called Gregory Beck and Kenneth Moor. I wonder whether other readers know of any out of the way places which sound like famous film actors of the fifties and sixties? A. Sheepdip

Carlisle



Perhaps you know of a place called Raymil Land

\*Send your names of places which sound like film actors to us at our 'I etterhor' address

#### Possible King confusion

What confusion there will be when Prince Charles eventually takes the throne. When people refer to the 'King', they invariably mean the late pop singer Elvis Presley. So what will we call Bonnie Prince Charlie!



Personally, I'd suggest we stick with 'The Queen' myself. Do any other readers have suggestions?

Mrs V. Seaforth Pinner

\*What would you call Prince Charles? Why not send your suggestions to Buckingham Palace, London, SW1. Remember to mark your envelope 'Idea for what to call Prince Charles'.

My five year old son is a comic child prodigy. Walking home the other day a jet roared over our heads. "I wouldn't like to be up there in that thing" I said. Quick as a flash he replied, "I wouldn't like to be up there without it!" Does anyone have Bob Monk-

house's telephone number? Mrs R. Tarbuck

Braintree

Thinking about religion the other day it occured to me that not only was Jesus born on a bank holiday, but he also died on a bank holiday.

I wouldn't claim to know what the Good Lord's next move is going to be, but it would seem a fair bet that the Second Coming will also be on a Bank Holiday P.G. Johnson

Long Eaton

#### Royal flush

Late one evening I was awoken by a knock at the door so I got up to answer it. Imagine my surprise when in

walked Prince Phillip and Her Majesty The Queen and asked to use our toilet. Apparently their's was blocked and there were no public toilets open that late in the evening.

Do I win £10? Mrs B. Liar

### Saw

I agree entirely with the reader who complained about the repeated use of the phrase "luckily we saw the funny side" on your letters page. I also find the constant use of "imagine my surprise" equally irritating. So imagine my surprise when he himself ended his letter by saying "luckily we saw the funny side".

funny side

Luckily I saw the funny side of this and I still think 'Letterbox' is Britain's liveliest letters page.

M. Gardiner Plymouth

Wiltshire



Always buy cornflakes packets in twos so that you can use one to top up the other if the contents have settled during transit. D. Purnell Bristol

Put 1" strips of masking tape across the top and bottom of your TV screen. Then, with the lights off, watch your favourite programmes through binoculars. It's just like being at the cinema. Mrs D. Parker Boddigham

Keep a roll of sellotape handy in the bathroom to stick back any unused sheets of toilet paper which will pull off the roll by mistake. D. Page Burnley

If guests are staying overnight, always shave their pillows beforehand. To this day I have vet to receive a single complaint about feathers protruding. Mrs Doris Price

Berkshire

When out shopping, glue carpet tiles to the soles of your shoes. They make Sainsburys feel like

your living room.

D.P. Bath

If you foul the air in someone else's bathroom, disguise the smell by lighting a match and setting fire to the hand towel. Mrs D. Parkinson

Billericay Housewives - I find that the best way to get two bottles of washing up liquid for the price of one is by putting one in your shopping trolley and the other

in your coat pocket. Mrs Smith Chester

Iris Frazer

Dundee

Stack empty cornflake packets along hallways and at the foot of the stairs to reduce the risk of injury in the event of a fall.

Are you feeling in a heart warming mood? Or perhaps you don't think you're getting a fair deal. Whether you're angry about something, feeling cheerful, or just thinking about Samantha Fox's tits - drop us a line. Everyone who has a letter printed in our next issue will receive a very special prize — three pairs of white sports socks! So hurry, and send your letters to the address



## **BRITISH TELECOM ARE CRAP**

BUNGLING BRITISH TELECOM made a massive profit of TWO BILLION POUNDS last year. Yet the British telephone system is reported to be among the most unreliable and fault ridden in Europe. And according to a report which we made up this afternoon, the situation is getting WORSE for BT's long suffering customers.

-claims report

The shock report reveals that a staggering 9 out of 10 telephones don't work properly. And bungling Telecom engineers, many of whom earn over £2 000 a week take anything up to 8 months to carry out simple renairs

#### SHAMRI ES One customer who's telephone

was out of order for 37 years had died by the time it was reconnected. Another, a pregnant mum who had asked for a telephone to be installed. waited THREE YEARS before engineers eventually arrived and connected it up - to the gas mains! While reporting their blunder to the repair service she lit up a cigarette and was killed instantly.

#### MOCKERY

Old age pensioner Jack Johnson, who lost a leg in the war, couldn't believe his eyes when he received a quarterly phone bill. British Telecom had charged him £2,756, 883 despite the fact that he didn't have a telephone, "There had been a mix up with our computer", a BT spokesman explained. The next day Mr Johnson awoke to find that 695 telephone boxes had been delivered to his doorstep.

#### DISGRACE

Thousands of people complained when BT decided to replace their old telephone boxes. They claimed the new ones would be cleaner, easier to use and vandal proof. But our figures show that at any



one time only 1 in 500 of the new boxes actually work. And since our traditional bright red phone boxes disappeared. the number of foreign tourists visiting Britain has fallen by

#### DIABOLICAL

In his annual report to shareholders Chairman Sir George Jefferson outlined BT's plans for the coming year. What he DIDN'T mention were plans to CHARGE for calls to the operator, and plans to MOVE all the operators to Australia in order to increase profits. And plans to introduce a minimum charge of £10 for all calls were also kept under

#### PA-THETIC

We decided to check for ourselves to see exactly how reliable British Telecom are by ringing a number which we found in the local telephone directory. There was no answer. After lunch we tried again, but after dialling a mere four digits, pressing only moderately hard, the dial snapped off the telephone.

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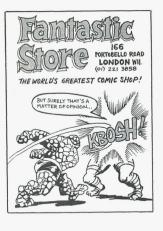
Thoughout this comic are SIA trains similar to the one shown above. Simply spot all six, making a note of exactly where each one is. Then go out and collect 100 train numbers. Write them down on a piece of paper or in a little notebook, and send them, together with the answers to the address below

The first correct entry out of the hat will be awarded first prize - two rail tickets, valid on most trains from Carlisle to Newcastle until 29th December 1987, except on Fridays. Please make sure your entries reach us by the end of November. Send them to Viz Comic Train Spotting Competition. PO Box 1 PT. Newcastle upon Tyne. NE1 1 PT.



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#### I WROTE SGT. PEPPER ON THE TOILET

Window cleaner wrote Beatles LP in his outside lavatory'- claim

AN UNEMPLOYED window cleaner from Burnley has shocked the music world with an astonishing claim. For Arthur Catchpole, 47, claims that he wrote many, if not all of The Beatles best selling hit records, including the 'Sat, Pepper' album, And he claims that John Lennon and Paul McCartney owe all of their success to him.

"During the mid-sixties my wife and I played once a week in our local social club with our organ and drums duo", said Mr. Catchpole. "By this stage I had already written and was about to start performing most of the songs which later turned up on The Beatles' Hard Days Night' and 'Help' albums."

#### INCREDIBLE

"When I first heard The Beatles records I put the incredible similarity down to pure coincidence. I then sat down and set about writing 30 new songs, including 'Nowhere Man', 'Michelle' and 'Yellow Sub-

#### marine'.

RARRECUE Around this time Arthur claims that he was accidentally given LSD in his mouthwash during

#### DECCLUSIVE

a visit to the dentists. "This had a profound effect on my song writing", he recalled. "Later, in 1966 my wife and I were invited to a barbecue in a neighbour's garden, and it was here that I was to conceive my next project - 'Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Band'. It was named after an Uncle of mine, a retired soldier who was unmarried and spent a lot of time playing the banjo"

#### I AVATORY

In the light of past experience, Mr Catchpole went to great lengths to keep his new project secret, writing all the songs late at night in an outside lavatory. "But somehow Lennon and M cCartney must have found out", he told us.



Beatles - records like 'Sgt. Pepper' made them hundreds of pounds

Now, living on £24 a week state benefit in a run down block of council flats, Arthur admits to being slightly resentful of The Beatles success. "I wouldn't have minded so much if I'd received something from them - maybe just a couple of free records and a thankyou note. But I've heard nothing.

MANAGER The recent re-release of Beatles records on compact disc prompted Arthur to write to their manager Brian Epstien. 'That was weeks ago, and I've had no response. These people don't want to know I exist", says Arthur, "I've also written to EMI Records asking them for some kind of payment maybe just a few quid to see me over Christmas - but they refuse point blank. I just

#### don't know where to turn" MANAGED Mr Catchpole admits he has

absolutely no idea how The Beatles managed to steal his ideas on such regular basis. But he claims that a man resembling Lennon was once seen in the Burnley area working as a telephone engineer. However British Telecom were quick to rule out phone tapping, pointing out that Mr Catchpole has never owned a telephone.

#### MEDIUM

"It could be that they were working in cahoots with the well known medium Doris Stokes", he suggests. "But unfortunately I can't confirm this as she has recently died. It's all very mysterious".

#### LARGE

"I only hope that this will serve as a warning to other songwriters to be more careful", said Arthur, who despite his bitter experiences still writes music and hopes one day to make a living from it. An instrumental piece on which he is currently working. provisionally titled 'Tubular Bell s' should be finished in a











few weeks time.

















It's the question on everyone's lips. People over the country are itching to know 'Who is Britain's Best Bob?' Is it BOB MONKHOUSE, whose jokes have left us laughing for over twenty years? Or is it BOBBY CHARLTON, whose goals guided England to their famous 1966 World Cup Victory? In pubs and clubs around the country the debate continues — who is the greatest Bob of all? Well, now is your chance to find out, as we answer the question — WHO IS THE TOP BOB?

#### **Bob Monkhouse**

## SCORE

#### **Bobby Charlton**

That devilish smile and those angled eyebrows tell us that Bob, one time presenter of TV's 'Golden Shot', is a ladies man. He's slick, he's pollshed and he oozes sex appeal. But look out

girls - he's married.

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A footballing legend, he thrilled the ladies with his dazzling ball control. Now, with his rugged, mature appeal, he's the man your granny dreams of. But loss of hair costs Bobby points, as well as popularity among younger women.

On TV he's charming and cheerful, and despite his cheeky grin, he's as friendly off the screen as he is on it. Warm and considerate, Bob's heart is as large as a wardrobe. There's never a dull moment spent in his company.

PERSONALITY

Bobby's dynamic performances on the field and his incredible goal scoring achievements conceal a quiet side of his character. Off the field he is a modest, down to earth character, but his honesty is a strong asset.

Thirty star spangled years in show business have began to take their toil on Bob's much sought after, sexy frame. Although sensible Bob steers clear of excesses, too much gourmet meals and not enough time in the gym have lead to a bigger waist — and a smaller score.

FITNESS

Fitness was crucial to Bobby's career as soccer's deadliest marksman, and although past his peak, regular training and exercise ensure that

Bob cuts a dash under the TV lights in his glittering suits and dicky bow ties. But sometimes taste goes out the window, leaving dazzled viewers reaching for their 'brightness' control. A formal dresser off screen, Bob always makes an effort.

6 STYLE

deadliest marksman, and although past his peak, regular training and exercise ensure that this much loved centre forward remains in tip top condition.

Bob is a regualr workaholic! He's rarely off our screens with shows like 'Bob's Full House' and 'Bob Says Opportunity Knocks'. And despite his busy schedule, he still finds time to make guest appearances on other people's shows. Even on his days off, Bob keeps busy trying out new lokes on his wife and family.

WORK RATE

In his playing days Britain's most famous forward was never seen without a spotless club blazer and tie. Now Bobby the businessman woos the women in a series of smart suits and sports jackets. Although never a fashion leader, Bobby still cares about his appearance.

Thought by many to be Britain's top comic (he is said to know more jokes than anyone else in the world). Bob's show business career has meant that goal scoring opportunities have been few and far between.

WORK RAI

Renowned in his playing days for his unselfish running off the ball, he created goals as well as coring them. A player's player, Bobby never stopped running until the full ninety minutes were up. Nowadays despite business commitments, Bobby still finds time to make expert comments during half-time intervals.

GOALSCORING ABILITY

Over the years Bobby banged in hundreds of goals, his powerful shootling from outside the 18 yard area was feared by keepers throughout the world. Unmatched for strength, sharpness and an accurate header of the ball, Bobby is in a goal scoring league of his own.

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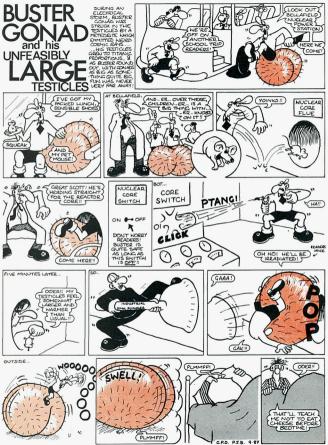
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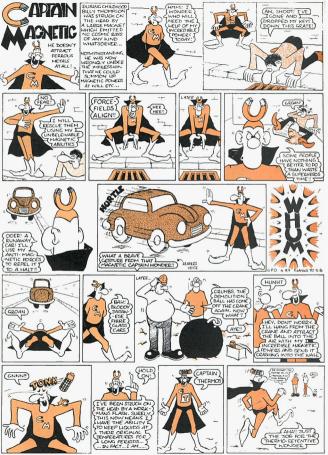






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## SPIZZ'S PAYS OFF!



It's back at last - the Viz Top Ten returns - and with it comes a familiar looking number one, SPIZZ'S single 'Where's Captain Kirk? first appeared in 1980 when ATHLETICO SPIZZ 80 took it to the top of the independent charts. Seven years later Spizz has gone solo, and faced with the problem of getting his brand new version of the song back to number one, he decided to send us some money. The problem was immediately solved because £10.99 turned up to be the biggest bribe we received this time round, and it nuts Spizz right back on top of the pile

Zany 5 piece band BOYS No Sending bottles of Irish WONDER had their hearts set on making the number one slot with their single 'Now What Earthman'. But two free albums was all that there tight fisted record company could muster by way of a bribe. And good though they are, their total value of £7.87 leaves the Boys stranded in mid-table, an agonizing £3.13 away from the top slot.

JESUS COULDN'T DRUM are looking to recoup the No A stick of Hastings rock get into the chart by selling copies of their third single 'I'm a train'. You can contact them at 17 Frogmore Road, Apsley, Hemel

Hempstead. The DIRTY ROTTEN IMBICILES came all the way from San Francisco to buy a piece of our chart action. In Europe to promote their LP 'Crossover', they stopped off in England to give us ten pounds. We appreciated the effort, and consequently the Imbiciles make their UK top ten debut at No. 2.

Whiskey through the post is definitely not recommended by the Post Office, but it was a move that paid off for the FLAMING MUSSOLINIS. Their generous gift went down well, and together with a small sum of money it ensured that 'Girl On A Train', their terrific new single on Epic records got a fair hearing and an equally fair chart placing at No. 3.

time Blue Peter star KATHRYN TICKELL a place in the chart. The Madonna of Northumbrian folk music, blonde Kathryn, 20, blows in with her Northumbrian pipes at number 9. You can catch her on tour in the London area during November, together with ARCHIE BROWN AND THE YOUNG BUCKS. also in the charts at number 7 (6th-Royal Albert, Deptford. 7th-Dublin Castle, Camden, 8th Chestnuts, Walthamstow, 9th-Half Moon, Putney).

The Viz Top Ten chart is open to anyone who has a record to promote, although books may also be included. Sorry — we cannot include cassettes or ficticious records. A brand new chart appears in every issue. To qualify, you MUST send us a copy of the record (or book) together with a bribe or gift. Cash is preferred, although cheques and postal orders with the payee's name left blank are also acceptable. Gifts will only count for 75% of their estimated retail value. No detail of any bribes will be released to a third party prior to publication. No refunds can be given. We reserve the right to deny all knowledge of this Top Ten chart. Send your entries to The Viz Top Ten Chart, PO Box 1 PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1PT.

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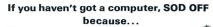


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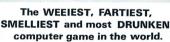
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